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# PRIZES FOR ROADEO WINNERS



## IT'S WALDON, STROUSE OF 135 AGAIN

Prize money was given to Richard (Peanuts) Strouse and John Waldon, winners of the 6th annual state roadeo, July 23 and 24 and to eight runners-up, by the Indiana Conference of Teamsters, Joint Council No. 69 of Teamsters, Local 135 of the Teamsters and the Princeton Hotel, the hotel in Indianapolis often patronized by Teamsters.

The roadeo, held in the cattle barn at Indiana State (Continued on Page 2)

## RECEPTION ROOM FOR CONVENTION

The Indiana Conference of Teamsters will have open house in a room at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis all during the sixty-fourth convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, starting August 23, and on Thursday evening, August 25 will hold their annual banquet, in the Claypool.

A number of statesmen and labor leaders have accepted invitations to attend the banquet.

Attention, all Indiana Teamsters: If you plan to attend the Teamsters Banquet August 25, please communicate immediately with Fred Marshall, 28 West North St., Indianapolis, informing him as to the number of reservations you desire.

Decision to have the reception room and banquet was made at the regular meeting of the Conference July 15.

At that time Charles Miller, of Vincennes, conducting the meeting, appointed Fred Marshall, Local 135, Indianapolis, chairman of the committee on arrangements, and Mr. Marshall named Edward T. Carlson, Local 716, and Michael Angel, 215, Evansville, to serve as committee members.

## City Workers Organized by Wilkes of 298

MICHIGAN CITY—E. C. (Pete) Wilkes, business representative of Teamsters Local No. 298, reports that employees of the city street and rubbish department have been organized 100 per cent. The city council has promised the employees a pay increase, according to Wilkes.

CONTESTANTS ALL—Here are the drivers of the 6th annual roadeo conducted by the Indiana Motor Truck Association assembled in the Claypool Hotel to take a written test. The drivers representing six cities are, left to right:

First row—John E. Doty, Local Union No. 135, Indianapolis; Earl F. Espich, 414, Ft. Wayne; Robert O. Spencer, 144, Terre Haute; William Harris, 144; Harold W. Payne, 144; Wayne H. Dobson, 144, and Edward H. Hamilton, 135.

Second row—Wm. Wright, 135; John Williams, 135; J. E. Allen, 144; Joe Huddleston, 215, Evansville; Harold Jordan, 215; Wm. McKinney, 543, Lafayette, and Richard C. Funkhouser, 364, South Bend.

Third row—John Waldon, 135; Walter R. Clive, 135; C. K. Friend, 233, Indianapolis; Arthur Cuffel, 135; Bert Fox, 234, Bloomington; Wm. Strange, 135, and Russell Siple, 543, Linden (Lafayette).

Standing—Harry Scotton, 135; Leighman Tillman, 135; Philip Cobert, 364; Harry Pritchard, 364; George Nicholas, 364; Ralph Parmley, 364; Donald Hawkins, 215; Richard Strouse, 135; Talbert Beasley, 215; Victor Harp, 215; Charles Nicholas, 135; Leslie McGurter, 135, and Wm. Cox, 135.

## All Union Beer For Vincennes

VINCENNES—All beer distribution in Vincennes is now 100 per cent union and Charles Miller, head of Teamsters Local 417 wants to thank all members of organized labor who helped his local sign up the Vincennes Distributing Co.

The union bartenders were especially cooperative, Miller said.

Signing the Vincennes company follows an agreement reached by the union a few months ago with the only other beer wholesaler in that city, the W. F. Holland Co.

Miller reported to the July 15 meeting of the Indiana Conference of Teamsters that his union's strike against two gravel pits near Lawrenceville, Ill., is still effective.

## Local 144 Signs Ice and Fuel Pact

TERRE HAUTE—Teamsters Local Union No. 144 has signed a new agreement with the Terre Haute Ice and Fuel Co., according to William Cookley, business representative of the union.

The new contract provides seven cents an hour wage increase and a 48-hour week. Time and a half pay is specified after eight hours a day and 40 hours a week.

## Local 215 Members Drive Away With Transport Roadeo In Ky.

EVANSVILLE—Five members of Teamsters Union No. 215 of this city won honors at the National Automobile Transporters roadeo held in Louisville, Ky., recently, and the privilege of competing in the national roadeo finals in Detroit on October 1.

One member, Kenneth

Drennan, of Marion, Ky., took first place in the truckcently, and the privilege of away division. Drennan has driven over 100,000 miles without an accident, according to M. J. Angel, union secretary-treasurer.

Drennan is employed by Commercial Carriers, Inc., working out of the Evansville terminal. (Continued on Page 2)

## Famous Pie Co. Ends Strike and Agrees With 369

MUNCIE—D. E. Mahoney, head of Teamsters Local 369, has started negotiating for a contract covering all sales drivers of the Famous Pie Co., who daily canvas this vicinity and as far away as Ohio and who are now organized for the first time.

The company, refusing recently to believe that the drivers wanted union representation, fired two of the more insistent drivers, only to find all the others on strike. Three hours of this (Continued on Page 2)



THE WINNERS—Joe Williams compliments Richard (Peanuts) Strouse, left, and John Waldon on being the two top winners of Roadeo.

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**JUDGES**—Clyde Birdsong, head of Teamsters Local 215, Evansville; R. A. Stough, a member of 215 and safety supervisor for the Hancock Truck Lines, Inc. (center), and Bert Wheat, B. A. of Local 144, Terre Haute, are shown considering Peanut Strouse's driving record at the rodeo.

## Heard and Seen at 716

By HARRY HUDSON

Brother Howard Pipes, has resigned as trustee of Local Union No. 716 and Brother Floyd Waldrip, of the Hatfield Electric Co., has consented to fill the position until the office of trustee is open for election. The officers of the executive board wish to thank Brother Pipes for his work as trustee, and wish Brother Waldrip success in his position as trustee.

Brother Chas. Kelsey, Indianapolis Paint & Color Co., is "papa" once again, this time it's a girl. Makes the ideal family, boy and girl. Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Kelsey!

All members who are employed at companies whose contracts are re-opened: Watch your Bulletin Boards for notices of meetings. Listed below are the companies at present:

Farrell-Argast Electric Co.  
Economy Electric Co.  
Peerless Electric Co.  
G-E Electric Supply Corp.  
Plumbers Supply Co.  
Central Supply Co.  
Monument Coal Co.

(Editor's Note)—Brother Harry R. Hudson, secretary-treasurer, is back at work after a vacation. All citizens of Brandywine Creek can breathe easy once more!

Brother Frank Haley, employed at the new Western Electric plant, has been appointed steward. We urge all members who have occasion to deliver out there to give Brother Haley full cooperation.

For the guidance and information of the members of Teamsters Local Union No. 716.

### INSURANCE PLAN

Below is a breakdown of facts on the Insurance Plan now in effect, from January 1, 1949, to and including July 12, 1949:

	Deaths	Member's Insurance Terminated for Non-Payment of Monthly Union Dues
January	0	77
February	0	79
March	1	71
April	0	60
May	0	78
June	1	102
July	0	136
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>603</b>

Again we wish to point out the excellent insurance coverage the members of this local union enjoy and the benefits a beneficiary receives at the time a member in good standing becomes disabled or dies. If the present rate of terminations continue at the pace listed above, those delinquent members are not only hurting themselves, but more important, hurting the member who does pay his dues on time. We have six months more before our contract with the Union Labor Life Insurance Co. expires and we, your officers, can only appeal to each member individually to keep in good standing for the next six months and cut down the rate of terminations.

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EDWARD D. CRANDALL, Recording Secretary.

## Local 215 Members Drive Away With Transport Rodeo in Ky.

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Forrest Roper, Harrisburg, Ill., also with Commercial, took second. Donald Schmidt, 9 East Michigan St., driver for Automobile Shippers, Inc., operating out of the Evansville terminal, was third. Hugo Gelhausen, 626 East Delaware St., also with Shippers, and regional winner last year, took fifth.

James Burns, Seymour, with Commercial Carriers from the Evansville terminal, took third in the driveway division—one in which trucks are delivered under their own power.

They competed at Louisville because the Evansville truck rodeo doesn't include an auto transport division.

## PRIZES FOR ROADEO WINNERS

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Fairgrounds, attracted by far the largest crowds ever to witness safe and skillful truck driving in Indiana. Spectators totaled 15,000 to 18,000 over the two days.

Clyde Birdsong, president of Teamsters Local 215, Evansville, and Bert Wheat, business representative of Teamsters Local 144, Terre Haute, were among official judges, and Joe Williams, head of Local 135, Indianapolis, attended all events to give encouragement to his members. Local 135 has won every state rodeo in both straight truck and tractor trailer classes to date. And its members, Strouse driving a straight truck, and Waldon, a tractor trailer, did it again. Waldon was last year's winner also and Strouse won before, in 1947.

Strouse and Waldon will represent Indiana at the national rodeo in October.

Of cash prizes donated by the Teamsters, the Indiana Conference and Local 135, each gave the two top winners \$100 each, while joint Council 69 and the Indiana Conference each gave the four next highest drivers in each class \$12.50. The Princeton Hotel gave each of the top winners \$25.

Banquets were held for the contestants at the Severin Hotel Sunday night, and at the Indianapolis Athletic Club on Monday, and a 30-minute radio program was broadcast from the grounds on Sunday afternoon. In the course of this program Bert Wheat told listeners of WIRE:

"We already represent the best truck drivers in the world and we are striving to obtain more of them."

Waldon's first place was worth a total of \$600 in cash prizes, while Strouse's total cash was \$400. Both received many accessory awards.

The awards, including cash and trophies, were given to all 10 finalists at the Severin banquet. Presentation was made by Frank Purse, district director, Interstate Commerce Commission, bureau of motor carriers.

Waldon, who scored 353.6 points out of a possible 400, is employed as a regular driver for the Foster Freight Lines. Strouse drives for Ellis Trucking Co. He had a point total of 370.

Second place in the tractor-trailer division went to Leslie McGurer, a driver for Ellis Trucking, Inc., Indianapolis, with 351 points; Walter Cline, Ellis Trucking Co., 342.5, third; Charles Nichols, Dohrn Transfer Co., Indianapolis, 338.4, fourth, and William Cox, Foster Freight Lines, 332.9, fifth.

Other winners in the straight truck class were John Doty, Foster Freight Lines, 360.28 points, second place; Donald Hawkins, Gerard Motor Express, Terre Haute, 336.6, third; Edward Hamilton, Turner Trucking Co., 334.7, fourth, and George Nicholas, Clemans Truck Line, South Bend, 319.8, fifth.

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## Look-See with 233

By LONESOME ED

Brother "Fat Ed" McCarthy, our secretary-treasurer who helps me write this column, is on his vacation and our president, Leo J. Bauer, is taking his well-earned vacation. So that's the reason I'm Lonesome Ed this month.

It is rumored that Brother Richard Hughes, steward of Kroger produce department, went to the Growers' Picnic July 30. But he didn't grow an inch. It seems he put the liquid in the wrong place. Instead of liquidizing the base of the plant he drank all available liquids. I guess his head grew Sunday morning though.

Brother Everett Jones of the Indiana Terminal General Storage has been christened the "Pontiac Kid." The "Kid" claims that the best Pontiac's were the '39's and his is the best '39. He has painted his pride and joy six times and it's never been rained on because he never has it out of his garage over 20 minutes at a time. Don't get any ideas—this gem is not for sale!

The A&P Warehouse and the Standard Grocery contracts are in negotiations. As yet no agreement has been reached.

Remember! General Meeting Wednesday, September 7, 1949, at 8 P. M., 28 West North St. This is the first meeting after the vacation period.

Brother Vernon McConaugh, of Kibler Trucking Co., is off sick. We hope Brother McConaugh a speedy recovery.

Brother Cecil Friend, of Kibler Trucking Co., was Local 233's only entrant in the State Finals of the Truck Rodeo. Brother Friend has driven for Kibler's 16 years. He has never had a chargeable accident. This was Brother Friend's first year in the Rodeo. He finished up among the leaders this year and next year, look out! The officers and members of the local and proud of Brother Friend.

Brother Friend extends his congratulations to Brother Waldron, of Local 135, the semi-trailer champion of the State of Indiana and wishes him the best of luck in the National Rodeo in Boston.

## A Bird Wrecks James O. Bird

News reports about a truck driver named Bird being wrecked August 1 by a bird tempered the novelty of the accident with the unhappy fact that James O. Bird of Muncie was painfully injured about his head, face and leg and that his tractor trailer was almost totally demolished.

Mr. Bird, a member of Teamsters Union No. 369, was driving in Ohio, on Route 20 between Geneva and Saybrook, near Ash-

tabula. In front of him a pickup truck, driven by one Wilbur J. Mullet, assertedly stopped dead in the road, so that Mullet could attend to a tame duck which had flown through his windshield.

According to Pat Mahoney, head of Mr. Bird's union, Mr. Bird was forced to swerve across the roadway and his tractor trailer turned over off the highway. A picture of the wreck in the Ashtabula "Star-Beacon" shows little to be reclaimed.



Here is a new picture of Oliver Savage, of Teamsters Local 215, Evansville, who was designated driver of the year, of 1948. He is shown beside the cab of his truck which he drives for the Columbia Transportation Service, Inc. The committee of judges comprised Howard E. Fairweather, Indianapolis district supervisor, I.C.C.; Herschel A. Holloper, transportation director of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, and Capt. Harry Sutherland, Indiana State Police Department. Mr. Savage was chosen for having driven 300,000 miles without an accident, for his excellent maintenance records and other virtues.



## News Notes From Local 193

Gerald Beaver, Mayflower driver, is off the pay roll with a broken shoulder and is staying at Carmel, Ind., in case anybody wants to send him a card.

Swede Carlborn hits the news again with a five-year no-accident record and a watch that's too pretty to wear.

Bear stories that usually come from Swede are popping up in new places. Passmore, van operator for Mayflower, saw some boysenberries some place along the highway up in Washington or Oregon. Taking his van, he strolled over to the patch and started picking and eating some of them. As he strolled through the bushes he heard a cracking noise. So bending down he looked through the bushes and into the eyes of a big brown bear. Passmore took off toward his van in high gear and while running toward his van he heard the cracking noise. After getting into the seat of his van he turned and looked back. The noise he heard while running was the bear going as fast in the opposite direction. Wonder who was scared the most!

Mayflower mailed to you, or gave to all the van operators, a "Driver's Daily Record Book" to keep your records. So far we have heard of lots of fellows who have not been keeping their records, and some of them have wished they had. SO LET'S ALL START KEEPING THEM.

A fine baby girl has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holzer, and he, foreman of the radio repair department at Pearsons, Indianapolis, is passing out cigars, especially around Local 193, of which he is a member.

## Magnus Releases August List of Mayflower's Safe Drivers

The Aero Mayflower Transit Co. has released a list of 28 drivers having accident-free records totaling 72 years as of August 1.

Emil Russ heads the list with 10 years to his credit, followed closely by John B. Biney, with nine years without a chargeable mishap.

The list, according to R. J. Magnus, safety director of the company, with number of accident-free driving years and mileage covered by each, is as follows:

Emil Russ	10	536,613
Vilson Taylor	2	119,694
Reil L. Cain	2	111,055
Eugene A. Trombley	2	101,000
Dave H. Farmer	1	58,841
John C. Pulliam	2	375,398
Ilen A. Wiley	2	109,698
Joseph S. Boehm	6	426,788
Frank M. Durham	2	99,563
Harry Utterback	3	327,492
Beverley E. Albert	1	58,499
Lloyd W. Hudson	3	172,857
John B. Biney	9	451,568
Ernest L. Lignitz	2	174,318
Chester J. Brzezinski	1	48,243
Herman D. Lucas	1	48,261
James J. Wolf	1	52,988
Paul Walker	4	420,564
J. Hugh Taylor	1	112,127
Wesley G. Gordon	4	297,847
George L. Jones	4	209,651
Gordon M. Bader	1	95,265
Paul Beach	2	166,293
John C. Price	1	54,782
Fred W. Darr	1	88,000
Harold H. Kriete	1	92,428
Lester O. Wethington	1	33,565
Eugene Cox	2	178,503

## Famous Pie Co. Ends Strike and Agrees With 369

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was enough to line up the management and convert it to a bargaining mood.

Now Mahoney is out for a good agreement.

Local 369 is still negotiating with Goddard's Wholesale House here for a contract covering all drivers and inside workers. The workers voted recently by an overwhelming majority for the union in a UA election.

C. R. Johnson of Muncie has been appointed full-time organizer for Teamsters Local 369, according to announcement just made by D. E. Mahoney, union secretary treasurer and business representative. Local 369 has jurisdiction in Muncie, Marion, Anderson and a great surrounding territory of smaller industrial centers.

Mr. Johnson has a creditable background of labor and personnel relations.

Officers and members of Teamsters Local 369 are proud of their brother, Harry A. Smith, who has been designated driver of the month by the IMTA, as explained elsewhere in this newspaper.

Now when you go to the store or eat out, ask for FAMOUS PIES. Also see that your family buys SINGER or COLONIAL BREAD. DO NOT PATRONIZE Deitzen's bakery.

Local 369 is now trying to organize the Swift Co. and Kroger Milk Co., both of Marion.

For a good job of cleaning call French Steam. They are 100% Union.

Pat Mahoney says: "Have your family ask anyone making deliveries at your home if he is a member of a truck drivers' union. Not accepting merchandise delivered by non-union men will boost our organization and improve your working conditions."

## Teamster (193?) Gives First Aid To Over-Hypnotized Sea Captain

By SWEDE CARLBOM

A few months ago I was ordered into the State of Maine to move from "Brookshire by the Sea" one Professor Ivan Sprattelberg, to Hollywood, Calif. The professor was hypnotist and had studied in Berlin, Vienna and Constantinople.

He was a dashing sort of fellow in his early forties, with a magnetic personality which one could not help but be aware of. His dark, piercing eyes, hidden under bushy eyebrows, seemed to be searching one out. Black, thick hair was combed back over his head in wavy style. A dark mustache twirled upward on his lip and a tiny Van Dyke decorated his chin. Dressed in an immaculate cutaway with striped trousers, black tie, Egyptian scarab tie pin and black patent leather shoes, the professor was in appearance exactly what I had pictured a hypnotist to be.

Sitting in his drawing room, discussing his move to California, the professor confided in me with a chuckle that the town marshal had ordered him to cease his practice of mesmerism and remove himself to some other, preferably, far-off place. He then decided to go to Hollywood. During our conversation the professor passed a complimentary remark saying he had the greatest respect and admiration for Teamsters. He said he was firmly convinced they were, without doubt, a very intelligent and quick-witted type. Upon my thanks for the compliment the professor was very willing to give me the absolute proof of his experience and knowledge gained while meeting up with a Teamster.

The professor related how, one night, he had been called upon to assist a neighbor, a retired old sea captain, Capt. Don Hulling. The captain wore a wooden leg in place of the good one the sharks had gotten years ago. He loved his frothy ale and nightly imbibed numerous tankards at Davy's Tavern down on Harbor Point. Good-humored by nature, he always returned home in a singing mood where Mrs. Hulling faithfully met him at the door, unlaced his wooden leg, pulled his boots off and tucked him into bed.

On this particular night, the captain had met up with an old caddy who had arrived that evening from Tampico. After a dozen or so tankards of ale at Davy's, they retired to a cabin aboard ship. There his companion produced several bottles of Mexican tequila. The tequila had a strange effect upon Capt. Hulling. On his way home he got into a bull-fighting mood, imagining himself a torreador. He started to wave a red hankie in front of an old nag, called Nellie, who in the early morning hours, hauled fish from the wharf to the town market. He scared the wits out of the horse. Bolting down the street, Nellie rounded the curb and dumped the fish and "Old Hank," the drayman, at the entrance of the Blue Harpoon Hotel. The captain felt very sorry.

Arriving at home, Capt. Hulling unlaced his wooden leg and with it began to batter down the front door. Terrified, Mrs. Hulling came running down the stairs. The captain tossed the wooden leg through the door, asking his beloved to use it on him and knock some sense into his head. He bellowed and swore like a whaler on shore leave. Pleadingly, Mrs. Hulling tried to get him to quiet down for fear of awakening the neighbors. Once in his den he found his pet, a ship cat named Ollie, who had spent most of his nine lives on the high seas, asleep on his cot. With a roar the captain shouted, "Get down from my cabin bunk, you moth-eaten, Hongkong porcupine or I'll swab the deck with you." Taking a swipe at Ollie with his cap, he lost his balance and with a crash hit the floor.

A volcano of cuss-words in fourteen languages broke loose. Frantically Mrs. Hulling ran and called upon her neighbor, Professor Sprattelberg for assistance. The professor, a bit sleepy, came over and both lifted the still-fuming captain to his cot. The professor flicked his long, tapering fingers over the captain's eyes and, with a few words, put him into a hypnotic sleep. Mrs. Hulling was delighted.

The following day, while her better half slept, she enjoyed the tranquility of home. Toward evening, she went to awaken the captain. He never stirred. She let him snore and sleep on.

The following morning she shook him by the shoulders, first gently then roughly. She pulled his nose and ears and chin whiskers; she tickled his feet and swiped his face with the fly-swatter. She poked him in the ribs with his wooden leg, called him by his first name. She pleaded and then, somewhat roughly, smacked his face with her bare hands. But to no avail. The captain snored and slept on. The day passed. The night passed. Yet no sign of his awakening. She finally called the professor. With all the skill of his trade, he tried to awaken the old cap, but his skill failed; the captain slept on.

The fire department was called in with a pulmotor. After hours of fruitless efforts they gave up. Doctors came and went shaking their heads. The Sewing Circle came and sang the captain's favorite song: Far off places are calling me.

Wake up, wake up, you blasted barnacle of the sea! A large fan was placed close to the captain's face. It blasted him with rough weather while Mrs. Hulling sprayed his face with salt water. A drummer and trumpeter were called in. The vibrations from the music caused the plaster to fall but nothing seemed to hasten the captain's awakening. A week passed. He snored and slept on. The press arrived. Headlines appeared. Crowds gathered outside the captain's house. There was talk of a specialist being flown from Europe.

A Teamster, unloading freight at the wharf read about the old cap's predicament. He betook himself to the captain's bedside. There he pulled a pint of Scotch out of his trouser pocket and held it close to the captain's nose. To everyone's amazement the old cap opened his eyes and grinned contentedly. Sitting up with a start, and seeing himself surrounded by a large crowd, he roared, "Heave that pint over here, son, and you blasted hyenas scatter or I'll make you walk the plank!"

So you see, said the professor, here is absolute proof that you Teamsters are far ahead of the rest in quick wit and thinking.

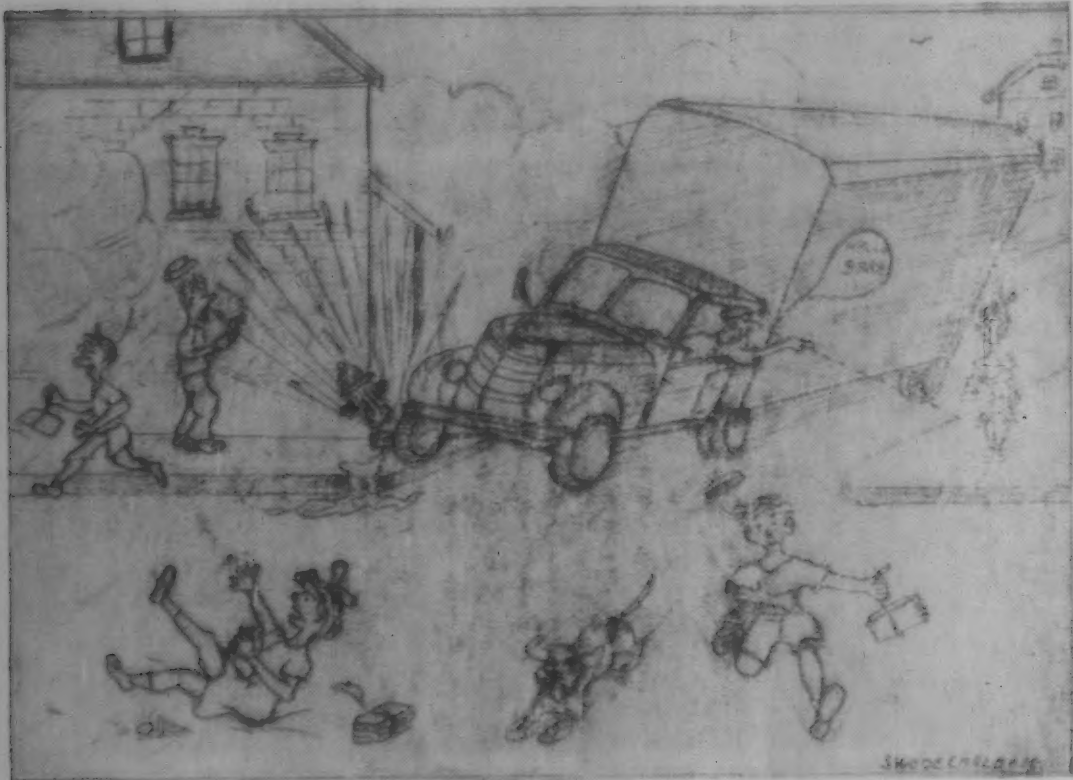
## Big Labor Day In Garden Spot

EVANSVILLE — Five top-flight vaudeville acts featuring comedians, acrobatic dancers, jugglers and magicians will head the program of entertainment at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Central Labor Union at Burdette Park on Labor Day, September 5.

The attractions are scheduled for appearances at 2:15 and 7:00 p. m.

Noted speakers from the ranks of labor and prominent national leaders will be invited to address what is expected to be the largest Labor Day gathering in the CLU's 50-year history.

The family picnic atmosphere will prevail. Veterans of the labor movement will recall the "old times," youth will accept the challenge of the orators as a heritage, and the kids—well, they'll be everywhere.



Never get distracted when school is out—Swede Carlborn.



## Safe-Driving Stars Awarded 20 Members of Local 716



Clyde Birdsong (extreme right), president of Teamsters Local No. 218, Evansville, was an official judge of the roados at Indiana State Fairgrounds and attended the safety banquet held in connection with that event. He is shown with Mrs. Birdsong at a table on the Severin Hotel roof, along with Joe Williams (center) and Mrs. Williams, Berkie Orr, office manager of Local 135, and other guests.

### Ready Mixed Co Says "Thanks" No Accident

Twenty members Teamsters Local Union No. 716, have received gold stars for accident-free driving from their employer, the Ready Mixed Concrete Corporation, 1100 Burdette Parkway, Indianapolis.

The safe drivers are receiving in addition to this recognition the congratulations of Edward Carlson, union president, and other officers and members of the local.

Drivers receiving two gold stars each in recognition of driving two years without a chargeable accident are:

William Dewey, steward; Maurice Ellis, steward of plant; James Barnett, Ed Garmon, Clearwater, Leonard Gruber, Ray Morales, Walter "Red" Byers, Cecil Hunt, Harry Small and Curtis Wiggins.

Those receiving one star each for one year of safe driving are Clyde Catron, Conrad Munn, William Godbey, Arlie Bannister, Landis Hoskins, Harold Mangler, Rex Sampson, Fred West and Leon Riggs.

## Anderson Teamster Wrecked Truck; Driver of the Month



HARRY A. SMITH

Harry A. Smith, of Teamsters Local 369, wrecked his tractor-trailer to save the lives of two small children, a woman and a man driving in another car and has been named Driver of the Month by the Indiana Motor Truck Association.

His nomination for that honor was sponsored by Earl Ashburn, Jr., director of safety and personnel for Miller Transportation, Inc., of Kokomo, by whom he is employed.

In reporting the nomination, "The Fifth Wheel," official organ of the Indiana truckers says:

We hope Driver Harry A. Smith, 1222 Hendricks St., Anderson, Ind., feels some measure of compensation when he is introduced at the IMTA convention in September as a Driver of The Month, for he risked his life in achieving the honor. The action on which his selection was based also probably saved the lives of other persons.

According to the nomination certificate which made Mr. Smith eligible for the honor for the month of June, he pulled his tractor-trailer unit off the highway to avoid collision with an automobile that pulled onto the highway without stopping or yielding right of way to through traffic. The incident occurred on Route 24 south of Fort Wayne. The car was carrying two small children and a woman and a man—the latter driving.

Mr. Smith's outfit was damaged beyond repair, the cargo incurred some damage, and he suffered cuts and bruises when his truck piled up in the ditch. It was his first accident in 14 months of driving for Miller Transportation, Inc., of Kokomo.

## Auto Parts Co. Fined for Wage Law Violations

INDIANAPOLIS—George Brickley, investigating supervisor of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts division, U. S. Department of Labor, today informed The Indiana Teamster that payment of \$2,394.92 has been made to 23 employees of the Lafayette Motor Parts Co., 219 East State St., West Lafayette, Ind.

On June 17 Max Cohen and William Cohen, doing business as the Lafayette Motor Parts Co., were fined \$1,400 by Federal Judge Luther M. Swygert, on plea of guilty to a criminal information filed under the wage and hour law, charging violations of the overtime, shipping and record keeping requirements of the act.

At that time the company agreed to pay the back wages of its employees.

The firm is engaged in operating an auto junk scrap yard, machine shop, service shop and garage, and new and used auto parts sales business.

## Cabby's Murder Still Unsolved

EVANSVILLE — It is now six months since the murder of Iver Otho Shrode, Yellow taxicab driver, found shot to death in his cab in the 1200 block on Gilbert avenue.

Police, commenting on the case, said it was still open. Some \$1,300 reward money posted by the Taxicab Drivers Local No. 11, the Central Labor Union and the taxi firm remains unclaimed.

No motive has ever been established for the killing, police state.

## Local 11 Hacker Learns His Town

Monroe Mullins, recording secretary of the Taxicab Drivers Local No. 11, Evansville, relates experiences of just one day's driving.

Miss Ann Bolan, executive secretary of the Vanderburgh unit of the American Cancer Society, entered his cab and asked to be driven to her home 815 South Sixth street. He insisted there was no such number that she must mean 815 Southeast Sixth street. He was finally convinced that Miss Bolan knew where she lived and took her home.

Then, a woman who had just gotten off a bus wanted to go to the home of her daughter. The daughter had recently married and the mother knew neither her married name nor her exact address. After a prolonged combing of the general area the daughter's home was located and the passenger delivered at her destination.

On the return trip Mr. Mullins was hailed by a man who wanted to be taken to Sugarloaf Hill and Mr. Mullins had never heard of such a place.

That one took a call to the local postoffice and another to the police station before he managed to figure out his destination and deliver his passenger.

## AFL Convention

WASHINGTON—The American Federation of Labor has issued a call for its Sixty-Eighth Annual Convention, to be held in St. Paul, Minn., starting October 3.

## Coakley Elected To Temple Board

TERRE HAUTE — The Labor Temple Association, Inc. held its annual stockholders meeting last week. The meeting was presided over by President Clyde Connett. The annual reports of officers were given the stockholders and their representatives in printed form. An election of directors resulted in the naming of Goetz, Hector and Handick to serve three-year terms while William Coakley was elected to serve out the remaining term of a director who had become inactive.

Jack Reynolds, business representative for Teamsters Local No. 144, and family have left for a vacation trip to Denver, Colo. and points west.

## Veteran Cabbie Makes Last Call In Evansville

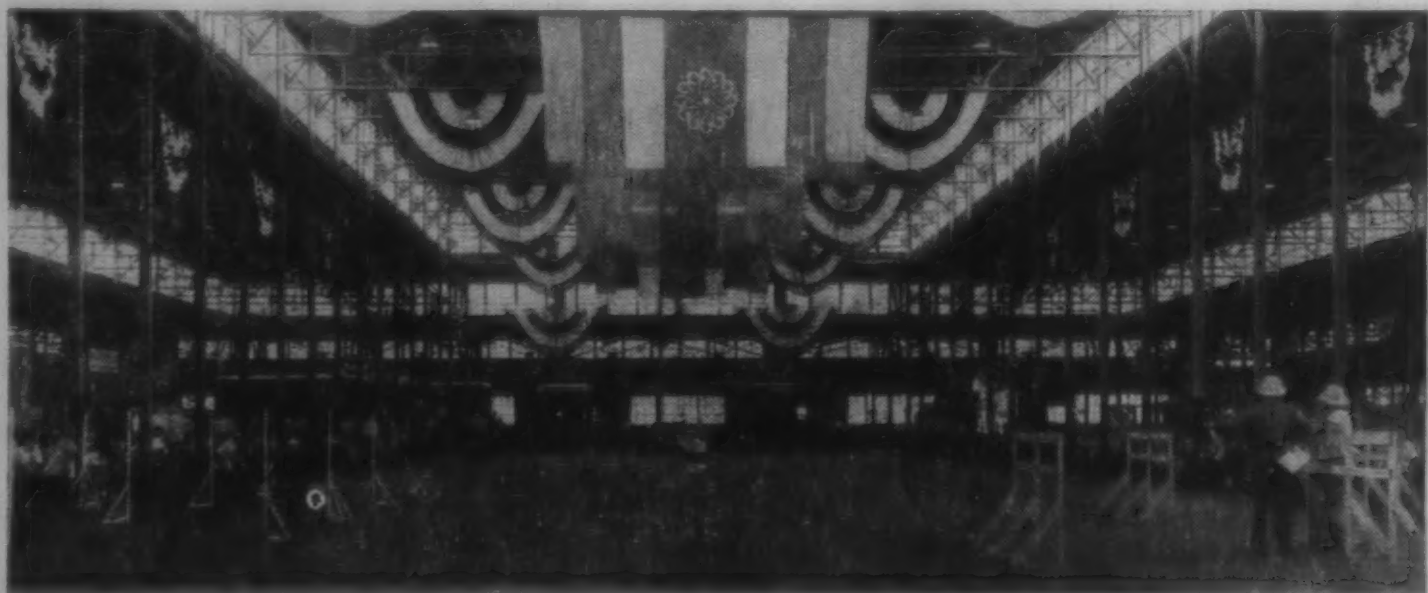
EVANSVILLE—With local cabmen serving as pallbearers, funeral services were held recently at the Ziemer funeral home and St. Joseph's Catholic church for Walter Ottman, age 56, member of the Taxicab Drivers Local No. 11. Mr. Ottman was one of the oldest working members of the union.

## Evansville Cabs 100% Organized

EVANSVILLE—With the signing of an agreement between Teamsters Local 11 and the Empire Cab Co., the taxicab business of Evansville is now 100 per cent union.

The agreement, signed by William Marshall, president and Lloyd Rhoads secretary-treasurer for the union and William Emage for the company, gives the drivers an eight-hour day, with time and one-half for overtime after eight hours and 48 hours a week, seniority rights and vacations of one week after one year and two weeks after five years.

Signing of the contract ended the system of owner-operator syndicate, under which the Empire company had been operating. Under this system the drivers paid the company a fixed price per hour for their vehicles and assumed all



Here is the cattle barn of the Indiana State Fairgrounds, scene of the 8th annual roados of the Indiana Motor Truck Assn. In the background is seen a straight truck, in which John Doty, a contestant is starting on a preliminary tour of the hazards. Two thousand seats around the course were filled most of the two days of the contests and spectators in all totaled 15,000 to 18,000.

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